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Assistant Deputy Chief Carnes presentation on Asiana emergency response

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# Asiana Airlines Flight 214 Overview of July 6, 2013 Emergency Response

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### Response Summary

- 11:27:48 Flight 214 impacts the seawall at the approach end of Runway 28L.
- 11:28:00 Alert 3 dispatched by FAA Control Tower and subsequently repeated by dispatch.
- 11:31:11 Rescue 88 arrives and initiates fire attack, followed 37 seconds later by Rescue 9.
- 11:33:02 All seven SFFD-Airport Bureau firefighting units and both paramedic units are on scene.
- 11:34:43 First of 56 ground ambulances arrives on scene. (\*Time based on SFFD dispatch records)









## Response Summary (cont'd)

- 11:38:37 SFFD personnel initiate interior search and rescue.
- 11:46:38 Last victim extricated from the aircraft.
- 12:18:30 Fire in fuselage is extinguished.
- 13:01:42 Last ambulance transporting victims from airfield initiates transport.
- 17:58:33 Last bus transporting "walking wounded" from terminal initiates transport.
   (\*Time based on SFFD dispatch records)







## Successes

- Arrival of ARFF companies on scene within three minutes, with no prior alert notification or declaration of emergency.
- Knockdown of fire in No. 2 engine in 90-120 seconds.
- Rescue of all trapped passengers within 19 minutes of initial impact.
- Fire extinguished within 47 minutes.







# **Challenges**

- Large scale incident management.
- Large population of injured survivors.
- Collecting all non-ambulatory injured.
- Radio interoperability between agencies.
- Fire in fuselage above drop ceiling.
- Effective use of piercing nozzle.







#### Post-Accident Initiatives

- 40-hour ARFF training for all personnel provided by DFW FRTC.
- Advanced level ARFF training at the DFW FTRC budgeted for a 2014 start.
- Adoption of DFW curriculum for drivers training and HRET training.
- Blue Card incident management training and certification for all officers.
- EMT3 START Triage System to enhance MCI management and patient tracking.







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#### Post-Accident Initiatives

- EMS Supervisor position upgraded from 40-hour position to 24/7 position.
- Budgeting for dedicated Mass Casualty Unit.
- Developing a more robust Communications Plan.
- Avoiding secondary strikes.
- Procuring a firefighter accountability system "Passport System".
- Expanding Airport Division policies and procedures.
- Increasing the level of coordination with the mutual aid community, including lessons learned discussions.







# Questions?





